

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON 21ST CENTURY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Monday, August 21, 2000  
10:00 A.M.  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rules, a public hearing of the Special Commission on 21st Century Colleges and Universities was held on Monday, August 21, 2000.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Jim Adams  
Senator Teel Bivins  
Commissioner Tony Garza  
James Hooten  
Dr. Betsy Jones  
Margie Kintz  
Nancy Marcus  
Elaine Mendoza  
Senator Bill Ratliff  
Jeff Sandefer  
Karen Shewbart  
Senator Carlos Truan  
Pam Willeford (ex-officio)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kirbyjon Caldwell  
Danny Vickers  
Senator Royce West

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Chairman Jim Adams called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted.

Chairman Adams introduced Dr. Larry Faulkner, President of the University of Texas at Austin, who welcomed the Commission to the University of Texas at Austin campus and offered his assistance to the Commission in its efforts.

Chairman Adams then advised that the first order of business was to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2000 meeting. Karen Shewbart moved to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Adams announced that the next Commission meeting would be held in Lubbock, Texas on September 18, 2000.

Chairman Adams described the format of the meeting and deferred to John Opperman to begin the discussion.

The Commission members discussed the areas that they believe should be the focus of the Commission's efforts as well as potential solutions. The topics covered were as follows: The Compelling Case for Change; Access and Participation; Excellence; Economic Development; and Technology.

Following the discussion, Chairman Adams opened the floor to public testimony.

Richard L. Elam of Hill College, representing himself, spoke on the topics of change and market forces and of his concern that excellence not be overlooked in a market-driven system. He also spoke of the impact of technology in the classroom from his experiences.

Pam Willeford asked the Commission members to communicate with the Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding its draft report.

There being no further business, at 3:45 p.m., Karen Shewbart moved that the Commission stand adjourned. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Jim Adams, Chair

Kimberly Berry, Commission Clerk